

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Budget Session
March 24, 2016

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3 (Arrived at 8:14 p.m.)
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy Pendley, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray VA 22835. The Call to Order was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Invocation given by Chairman Woodward.

Chairman Woodward added one item to the end of the agenda to discuss the equipment replacement at the landfill.

Constitutional Officers Budget Review:

Clerk of the Circuit Court:

Grayson Markowitz, Clerk of the Circuit Court, said due to the salary changes the Clerk's budget reflects a 1% decrease from last year.

Commissioner of the Revenue:

Rebecca Smith, Commissioner of the Revenue, said her budget request reflects a 9% decrease because of the reduction in the department head salary, a position was cut, a decrease in postage and she is using her own cell phone, not a County cell phone. She then informed the Board that land use values can only be changed during a reassessment year. The values, she said, come from SLEAC (State Land Evaluation Committee) and this year the values have stayed the same. The next thing to bring in revenue is land use revalidation.

Treasurer:

Penny Gray, Treasurer, said her budget remains the same. Her budget reflects a savings in temporary money from the Compensation Board, a decrease in DMV stop fees, and revenue for the Sheriff's fee for collection, which is a new fee that will be implemented next fiscal year. She also added that the Treasurer's office has collected over \$300,000 in delinquent revenue, to date.

County Department Budget Reviews:

Mrs. Moler reviewed the County departmental budget requests with the Board. She indicated that most of the increases was due to health insurance increases.

(Clerks note: Supervisor Stroupe arrived at 8:14 p.m.)

School Budget Presentation:

Donna Whitley- Smith, School Superintendent, handed out the information that Board had previously asked for, and gave a brief explanation. She reviewed the school budget request, totaling \$39,916,356. The request for additional County funds is \$326,618 more than the current fiscal year. She outlined the strategic plan goals and budget priorities as follows:

- Competitive Compensation for Employees
 - Support Cost of Health Care Benefit - \$336,000 - \$70 additional support per enrollee
 - Fund a 2% raise - \$412,084
 - Begin Salary Scale Adjustments \$111,038 – first of 3 year
- Competitive Academic Opportunity for Students
 - Restore programming options for career and technical exploration & academic acceleration
 - Elementary – ITRT/Middle School – Spanish, Tech. Ed./High School – Welding - \$199,042
- Common Sense Investment in Infrastructure (Transportation, Mechanical, Building)
 - Transportation – Additional bus - \$91,000/Sp. Ed. Van - \$30,000-\$121,000
 - Facility – RTU replacement (STES & LES) - \$90,000/Roof painting (Springfield) - \$10,000 - \$100,000

Recess: The Board took a brief recess at 8:44 p.m.

Reconvene: The Board reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Replacement of Landfill Compactor:

Lynda Minke, Landfill Director, said that they have been without a landfill compactor for several weeks, since it caught on fire. She said it is a crucial piece of equipment and needs to be replaced soon. She noted that she looked at several replacements and has found one that has been completely rebuilt and is certified by Carter Machinery.

Chairman Woodward asked about a lease option for new equipment. Mrs. Moler said the monthly payment would be over \$17,000 for a new compactor.

(Clerks note: Supervisor Wiatrowski left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Moler said \$173,000 was received from the insurance due to the loss of the equipment. She suggested putting down \$100,000 and using the remaining \$73,000 to make payments. The rebuilt Carter certified compactor is \$375,000.

Supervisor Foltz said he would not go to Carter machinery. He felt that one can be found much cheaper at an independent dealer or broker. Supervisor Foltz asked if the machine came with a warranty. Mr. Blevins said it did not. Mrs. Minke said that a broker would not provide a warranty or certify a rebuilt piece of equipment.


Supervisor Guzy said he has a problem with buying any equipment off the internet without going to look at it. Supervisor Foltz said that if it was a Caterpillar certified machine then that is what you will get. Supervisor Guzy recommended to start the negotiating process on the machine and the board will do their due diligence until the March 31, 2016 meeting.

Chairman Woodward agreed and said the discussion for the replacement of the Landfill compactor would be placed on the March 31, 2016 agenda. He also asked the Board if the meeting scheduled for March 29th should be cancelled since the School Board had presented the budget at tonight's meeting.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to cancel the March 29, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley. Nay: None. Absent: Wiatrowski.

Adjourn: 9:33 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.


Johnny Woodward, Chairman


Amity Moler, County Administrator